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SUBJECT: TRAVEL BY OFFICIALS OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
CENTER OF JAPAN

1. OFFICIALS OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER OF JAPAN (IDCJ), KOICHI MERA, SENIOR ECONOMIST, AND SHIGERU ISHII, ECONOMIST, CALLED AT EMBASSY OCT. 9 TO EXPLAIN THAT IDCJ, NON-PROFIT RESEARCH INSTITUTE UNDER GOJ AUSPICES WHICH UNDERTAKES PROJECTS CONCERNING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TRAINING OF DEVELOPMENT ECONOMISTS, IS BEGINNING QTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY OF MIDDLE EAST UNQTE FOR FONOFF.

2. OBJECTIVES OF STUDY ARE A) TO IDENTIFY DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS OF MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES IN VIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN COMMODITY PRICES AND COMMODITY MARKETING. (PARTICULAR ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO FOLLOWING FOUR
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COUNTRIES: EGYPT, IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA, SYRIA.)

B) TO SURVEY RECENT POLICY DEVELOPMENTS OF ADVANCED COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TOWARD DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WITH MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES.
C) TO IDENTIFY PATTERN OF DESIRABLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES AND ADVANCED COUNTRIES IN AREA OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION.

3. EMPHASIS IN STUDY WILL BE PLACED ON TWO POINTS:

A) IDENTIFICATION OF RECENT CHANGES CREATED BY OIL CRISIS IN DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS OF OIL PRODUCING AND NON OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES. (FOR THIS PURPOSE, TWO COUNTRIES IN EACH GROUP HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR CLOSE EXAMINATION.) B) EXAMINATION OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OFFICIAL AID ACTIVITIES AND PRIVATE SECTOR ACTIVITIES WITHIN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. IDCJ OFFICIALS PLAN TRAVEL TO US, EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES TO GATHER INFORMATION FOR STUDY. MERA AND ISHII WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON OCT. 22 AND DEPART OCT. 26, AND WOULD APPRECIATE VERY MUCH OPPORTUNITY TO MEET DURING PERIOD OCT. 23, 24, AND 25 WITH USAID AND OTHER OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS ABOVE QUESTIONS. IN PARTICULAR, THEY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING USG AID ACTIVITIES AND POLICIES IN ME AND FOUR TARGET COUNTRIES; RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN USG OFFICIAL AID AND PRIVATE ECONOMIC COOPERATION; AND USG VIEWS ON A) DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS OF PRODUCERS AND NON-PRODUCERS AND B) FUTURE OIL PRICES. THEY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE COPIES OF ANY APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS OR STUDIES ON THESE QUESTIONS IF THIS POSSIBLE.

5. DURING PERIOD OCT. 17 TO NOV. 9 MERA, ISHII, AND OTHER COLLEAGUES WILL VISIT FOLLOWING POINTS: A) MERA: PARIS, RIYADH; B) ISHII, TEHRAN, DAMASCUS, BEIRUT; C) SADAYOSHI NAKAMURA: LONDON, PARIS, VIENNA; AND, D) TOSHIFUMI TSUBONE: LONDON, CAIRO, RIYADH, BEIRUT. IF TIME PERMITS THEY WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON AMERICAN EMBASSIES FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS ON ABOVE TOPICS.

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6. ACTION REQUESTED: A) DEPARTMENT: ADVISE WHETHER APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS FOR IDCJ OFFICIALS DURING VISIT TO WASHINGTON CAN BE ARRANGED AND, IF SO, NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF DEPTOFF THEY COULD CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL. (IDCJ OFFICIALS PLAN TO STAY AT DUPONT PLAZA HOTEL IN WASHINGTON; MESSAGES COULD BE LEFT FOR THEM THERE.) B) OTHER ADDRESSEE POSTS: IN EVENT IDCJ OFFICIALS

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BEING GIVEN APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE EMBASSY
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